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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>PO-8754/STA-229</b> U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/571153</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>PCT/EP2004/009674</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>31 August 2004 (31.08.2004)</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>12 September 2003 (12.09.2003)</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>Valve Metal Oxide Powders and Process For The Production Thereof</b>		
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20. Other items or information: 2 pages of drawings containing Figs. 1-3					
The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a))..... \$300				\$ 300.00	
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If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$0				\$ 200.00	
All other situations..... \$200					
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Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority..... \$100				\$ 500.00	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by 1/2.					0.00
<b>SUBTOTAL =</b>				\$	1,360.00
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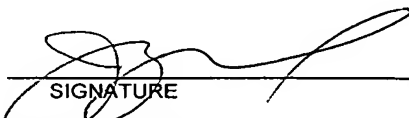
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Title of the invention: Valve Metal Oxide Powders and Process For the Production Thereof

Earliest priority date claimed (Day/Month/Year): 12 Sep 2003 (12.09.2003)

☒ This is a new International Application

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application no.		filed on	
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